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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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By Office Action dated November 23, 1999, pending claims 1-6 were finally rejected and claims 7-10 were objected to.

Applicants filed a Response to Final Office Action Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.116 on February 23, 2000, submitting remarks to traverse the rejections. However, by Advisory Action dated February 29, 2000, the rejections were maintained.

Applicants therefore filed a Request for a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) on March 15, 2000.

Please enter the following amendments prior to examination of the above-identified application.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend claim 1 as follows. All of the claims have been presented for the Examiner's convenience.

- C' 1. (Three Times Amended) A schedule-set-up management system comprising:  
inputting means for entering at least destination information and desired arrival time  
information;